

OPTOMETRY EXAMINING BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 12, 2001

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kerry Griebenow, OD; Leon Griffin, Jr., OD; Ray Heiser; Chris Hubbell, OD; Lynne LeCount; Jeff Sarazen, OD

MEMBER EXCUSED: Heather Hinson, OD

LEGAL COUNSEL: Ruby Jefferson-Moore

STAFF PRESENT: Kimberly Nania, Karen Rude-Evans

GUESTS: Charles Brownlow, WOA

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Chris Hubbell called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m. Kimberly Nania introduced the new Board member, Ray Heiser, to the Board. The Board members and staff introduced themselves to Mr. Heiser and welcomed him to the Board.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Amendments: -Information from the National Board of Examiners – Barb Showers
-Memo from ARBO
-Report forms for pre-kindergarten examinations or evaluations

MOTION: Jeff Sarazen moved, seconded by Lynne LeCount, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 13, 2001

MOTION: Kerry Griebenow moved, seconded by Lynne LeCount, to approve the Minutes of July 13, 2001, as written. Motion carried unanimously.

SECRETARY OSCAR HERRERA

Secretary Herrera was not available to meet with the Board.

PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED STIPULATIONS

There were no stipulations.

REPORTS ON PENDING COURT CASES, DISCIPLINARY CASES AND
ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

These reports were informational.

REVIEW OF PROPOSED RULES RELATING TO CONTACT LENS PRESCRIPTION RELEASE BY OPTOMETRISTS

The Statutes and Rules Committee will revisit the issue of liability at the next Committee Meeting.

MOTION: Kerry Griebenow moved, seconded by Jeff Sarazen, to approve the report to the legislature on clearinghouse rule 01-060 relating to contact lens prescription release by optometrists. Motion carried unanimously.

PRACTICE QUESTION RELATING TO CURRICULA TO INSTRUCT TEACHERS OF VISUALLY IMPAIRED STUDENTS THE PROPER USE OF PRESCRIBED, HAND-HELD OPTICAL DEVICES

After discussion, the Board members decided to table the discussion of this matter until the next meeting in order to obtain more information from low-vision specialists.

INFORMATION ON NEW YORK'S DISPOSABLE CONTACT LENS ANTITRUST LITIGATION

This item was informational.

ACOE ANNUAL REPORT

This item was informational.

REPORT OF STATUTES AND RULES COMMITTEE

Kerry Griebenow reported that the Committee is in the final stages of making changes to Chapter 449, and hopes to finalize and summarize the changes at its next meeting.

CONTINUING EDUCATION ISSUES

Barb Showers and Darwin Tichenor discussed the criteria for approving continuing education courses. It was determined that it would be too difficult for a layperson to evaluate TPA courses, so the evaluation and approval will stay with the Board for the time being.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Leon Griffin moved, seconded by Lynne LeCount, to recess to closed session pursuant to Chapter 19.85(1)(a), (b), (f) and (g). Wis. Stats., for the purpose of deliberating on proposed stipulations, reviewing case status report and consulting with legal counsel. Roll call vote: Kerry Griebenow – yes, Leon Griffin – yes, Ray Heiser – yes, Chris Hubbell – yes, Lynne LeCount – yes, Jeff Sarazen – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Open session recessed at 11:26 a.m.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

MOTION: Jeff Sarazen moved, seconded by Leon Griffin, to reconvene in open session. Motion carried unanimously.

Open session reconvened at 11:28 a.m.

VOTING ON ITEMS CONSIDERED/DELIBERATED ON IN CLOSED SESSION

There were no items to vote on.

FINAL 2002 MEETING DATES

MOTION: Lynne LeCount moved, seconded by Leon Griffin, to approve the 2002 meeting dates for January 11, March 15, May 10, July 12, September 13 and November 8. Motion carried unanimously.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

The Board noted the informational items.

OTHER BOARD BUSINESS

The Board briefly discussed the report forms for pre-kindergarten examinations or evaluations. Further discussion and the development of the forms will be taken up at the next meeting. The forms must be approved by both the Optometry Examining Board and the Medical Examining Board.

REGULATORY DIGEST

MOTION: Jeff Sarazen moved, seconded by Lynne LeCount, to not send out the *Regulatory Digest* until there is material sufficient for publication. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Kerry Griebenow moved, seconded by Lynne LeCount, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 11:51 a.m.

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